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Docket No.: 50352-020

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shiroshi MATSUKI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9915
Serial No.: 09/944,344 : Group Art Unit: ~~47453~~ 1753
Filed: September 04, 2001 : Examiner: Edna Wong
For: MATERIAL FOR COPPER ELECTROPLATING, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME AND COPPER ELECTROPLATING METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action of October 10, 2003. In the action, restriction was required between the method of claims 1-3, the material and method of claims 4-9, and the method of 10-13. In response to that requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, directed to claims 1-3, drawn to a method of manufacturing a copper electroplating material. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is not proper because a generic concept of the invention was presented and Applicant submits that all claims should be considered in this application. Applicant submits that the three groups of claims are

interrelated and all should be examined in this single application. Accordingly, reconsideration is requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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